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WHEN JODY JOHNSTON RETIRES

Field hockey at El Cajon Valley could end after 34 years

by Greg Eichelberger

In many ways, Jody Johnston may be the only hope left for field hockey at El Cajon Valley High School. She began the program 34 years ago and has been coaching ever since, but it's the future that concerns her.

"After I retire, that'll probably be the end of it," she bemoaned. "It's not a paid position, so it's not likely to draw a lot of volunteers."

To remedy that, she vows to be around for awhile. Receiving her degree in physical education from SDSU in 1962, she began her career at ECVHS by teaching girls' gym, as well as coaching young ladies in field hockey, swimming and softball, a total of over 70 seasons of combined leadership.

While she loves all of those activities, it's the sport invented by the ancient Greeks that she



Jody Johnston

has a special affection for. And why not? Johnston fell for the sport while she was in high school, and was asked to join the Los Angeles Field Hockey Association when observers saw her talent and enthusiasm.

One of the first locals to play, she also founded the San Diego

Association in 1962 (she was tired of driving to L.A. every week), which now competes at the Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista. "I've been enamored with it ever since," she said. She currently sits on the board of the U.S. Association and took part in the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games.

A British woman, Constance K. Appleby, brought field hockey to the U.S. in 1901, after years of popularity in Ireland, England and the European continent. In fact, it continues to draw huge crowds for both women and men's leagues throughout Europe. Johnston also said that the sport is much more popular with men than women.

"In fact," she added, "female

teams weren't even allowed into the Olympics until 1980."

Played on a 100- by 60-yard field with goals that are four yards wide and seven feet tall, utilizing curved sticks and a hard plastic ball, with 11 (four forwards, two infielders, three halfbacks, a sweeper and a goalie) athletes on each side, the game is divided into 30 minute halves, which means a complete cardiovascular workout for all of those involved.

Johnston said that it's constant running up and down the field, and, in addition, the team has very few girls to substitute, so most end up playing the entire game. She also coaches a junior varsity team for the first time in 15 years.

Lack of participation at El Cajon Valley is blamed on the surrounding area becoming an apartment community, where many of the girls, because of the financial condition of their parents, are forced to work instead of engaging in after-school activities.

The only other East County educational institution that currently offers field hockey is West Hills, however both play in different leagues, so they very seldom play one another.

Instead, her squad plays girls from Madison, Bishop's, Hilltop, Bonita Vista, University City and UCSD High.

She also complained that when the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) declared field hockey a closed sport, the ASB funding, transportation (buses) and other perks were taken away.

This is evident in the fact that the girls this season are playing in the same kilts (uniforms) that young women did in 1976. "We just sew up the holes

and tears and put 'em back on again," she laughed.

Now try to imagine a varsity football, baseball or basketball team being forced to endure the same thing. It's not likely to happen, especially with the gridiron Braves currently on top of the world right now.

"I'm happy for their success," she said, "but, once this year, in the middle of one of our games, the team came right on to where we were playing to begin their practice. It just was not right."

After voicing her dissatisfaction with head coach Dave Gross, the situation was resolved, but bitter feelings have remained. To Johnston, it epitomized the sport's lack of respect.

Despite the troubles at ECVHS, she feels that the sport is growing throughout the rest of the county, with 20 high schools fielding teams and three more coming in next year.

Plus, she has a \$10,000 grant (from the United States Association) to initiate youth programs in four areas of San Diego, including the East County.

She would also love to get the boys more involved, recalling the days when she once coached a young men's team for three years. "They were wonderful," she remembered. "I laid down my rules and they followed them. Unfortunately, they didn't have anyone to play against," she added.

She has hopes of El Cajon Valley coming back into prominence, but realizes that there is reason to be proud of the bigger accomplishments taking place throughout the rest of the county. "If I didn't love it, or feel optimistic about it, I wouldn't have done it for so long," she said. "I would have quit years ago."

Gus McGee inducted into USD's Hall of Fame as coach and player

by Joe Naiman

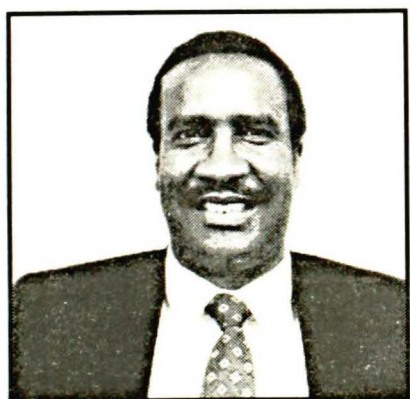
Spring Valley's Gus McGee was one of two inductees into the University of San Diego Athletic Hall of Fame Nov. 14. McGee, who played four years of basketball at USD and then spent 22 years as an assistant coach, graduated from USD in 1970 with a B.A. in Sociology and also received an M.S. in Social Sciences from the university in 1972.

The 6'6" McGee was the team's most valuable player in his junior and senior seasons. He set team records, which still stand, by averaging 14.3 rebounds a game in his junior year, 1002 rebounds in his career and 24 rebounds in a game, which he did three times.

McGee grew up in Mount Olive, Miss. He was also a tight end on the high school football team and played baseball, although his part of the country didn't have high school baseball.

McGee was in the Air Force from 1962 to 1966. Unsure of his college plans, he moved to San Diego to live with a cousin. While in the process of choosing a college, he met Bernie Bickerstaff, then playing with USD, who invited McGee to check out the college.

McGee was enamored with the campus. "It seemed like a perfect fit for me," he said. "I was really looking for the



Gus McGee

small college setting, small student body, and that's what I found at USD."

Playing for coach Phil Woolpert, who had coached Bill Russell was also a factor in his decision. During his four years the Toreros compiled a 53-48 record.

He said that the school's moving from Division II to Division I in 1979 was one of the highlights of his career.

From 1974 to 1979, McGee was the team's only assistant coach and was responsible for helping coach Jim Brovelli get the team to Division I status. In their final three Division II seasons the Toreros won 61 games against 21 losses.

"That was perfect to make the transition. We had to show that we were successful at the Division II level in order to make the Division I level," said

McGee. Moving to Division I allowed to Toreros to obtain blue-chip athletes, while in Division II the team had to find lesser-talented players who had potential but were late bloomers.

After the move to Division I, McGee, who has lived in Spring Valley since 1976, found a recruit in the neighborhood, Mike Whitmarsh, who attended Monte Vista High School, and later starred for USD.

Among his highlights as an assistant coach were NCAA playoff invitations in 1984 and 1987.

After receiving his masters, McGee learned about a youth program in the city of San Diego's Youth Services Department, and has been a city of San Diego employee since 1973.

He is currently the assistant deputy director for the city's Environmental Services Department, managing the day-to-day operations of the city's trash collection for about 300,000 households, 225 employees and 125 trucks.

McGee limits his basketball to VIP events or benefit games. McGee and his wife, Faye, have a son, Mark, who was an all-county player at Saint Augustine but is not playing at Texas Christian University.

Playing tough against the best



West Hills' Bree Halsey (left) interrupts dribble of Scripps Ranch player during field hockey match at West Hills on Nov. 6. The Wolf Pack gave top-ranked Scripps Ranch a nervous time, losing 2-0. The visitors later won the CIF title in a sport that only had 20 teams in the county. This season West Hills and El Cajon Valley are the only Grossmont League teams in the sport.

photo by Marv Rosen

Quick tips – from the U. S. Post Office

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To ensure that gifts arrive in good condition and on time, take as much time and care preparing them for mailing as was taken to select and wrap them.

To protect gifts during processing and delivery, use a sturdy carton large enough to accommodate the gift package plus lots of cushioning – such as rolled up newspaper or styrofoam popcorn – and remove or markout any conflicting address information. Brown paper and twine are not necessary, and may even slow down delivery.

Before sealing package, the Postal Service recommends putting the addresses of sender and recipient inside the package, in case the outside address gets smeared. Pressure-sensitive tape, nylon-reinforced craft paper tape, or glass reinforced pressure sensitive tape are then recommended for safe shipping.

Once securely packaged, proper addressing will help expedite processing and delivery. The recipients complete address – including name, street name and number, suite or apartment number, city, state and ZIP Code (on the same line as the city and state) – should be placed in the center of the package on one side only.

The return address, including the proper ZIP Code, should be included in the upper left-hand corner of the package. Hand-written addressing should be legible, with all capital letters and smudge-proof ink recommended. However, computer-printed labels are easier to read by the Postal Service's high-speed processing equipment, and will help speed holiday gifts through the mail.

Source: United States Postal Service

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Mayor: Mary Teresa Sessom
Council: Thomas Clabby
Craig Lake
Dwight Shelley
Jeff Jandura
City Manager: Doug Yount
Planning Director: Linda Niles
City Attorney: Gloria McLean
City Clerk: Christine Taub
Sheriff's Capt.: Yolanda Collins
Fire Chief: vacant

Congressional district:
52nd - Duncan Hunter
State Senate district:
40th - Steve Peace
State Assembly district:
77th - Steve Baldwin
Supervisors district:
2nd - Dianne Jacob
High school:

Libraries: 1
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Parks: 4
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Mission Trails Park festival celebrates trees with plantings

by Lora Clark

Six years ago, San Diegan Henry Blue donated \$50 and later, on Arbor Day at Mission Trails Regional Park, planted a tree, a part of the Arbor Day celebrations that have been held at Lake Murray or Mission Trails each year for the past 10 years.

This year, on Saturday, an all-day tree festival, including tree-planting, educational activities, food and fun will be held at Mission Trails.

The festivities are scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. at the site of Old Mission Dam, where major work has recently been done to make the area wheelchair-accessible. As donors plant their trees, they will be completing the first step of the landscaping planned to beautify this newly renovated section of the park.

At 10 a.m., participants will be invited to move either to a grove near the Visitors and Interpretive Center to do some maintenance work on the trees in that area or to the center itself to begin one of several nature walks led by trail guides.

Starting at noon, a one-hour Hug-A-Tree program and demonstration will be presented, the objective being to teach kids how not to get lost and what to do if they do. This and all other educational aspects of the day are being dedicated to the late John Denver.

Tree-related crafts designed to interest children and adults of all ages will be offered throughout the day and several videos regarding habitats and tree issues will be shown at various times in the theatre. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Information and brochures from various organizations, such as National Arbor Day Foundation, will be at-hand, and park rangers will be on-site for questions.

This event, sponsored by Council District 7, San Diego Park and Recreation Department and Mission Trails Foundation, is free and open to the public. Anyone wishing to donate \$50 to buy a tree or needing further information about this year's Arbor Day celebration may call 668-3275.

Letter to the Editor

Get the facts right, please

The Sports Edition on Tuesday, Nov. 25, 1997 made an error in its "Sports Beat" section, written by Greg Eichelberger.

It says in the section: "Mount Miguel boys were decimated by Mira Mesa on the road, 41-14 (the same score by which the Saint Louis Cardinals defeated the Pittsburgh Steelers in the 1979 Super Bowl)." First of all, the Saint Louis Cardinals have never been in a Super Bowl. Secondly, the Steelers beat the Dallas Cowboys in '79, 35-31.

Just letting you know. Keep up the good work.

PETE TELLER
Santee

Community Notes

La Mesa offering art classes

"Kid's Art" is an 8-week course for children six years and up. It will meet from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. on Mondays beginning Jan. 5 and will continue through March 2.

Participants will learn basic drawing, beginning design, making things out of your doodle, working with pencil, marker, watercolor and finger painting.

"Basics of Drawing for Adults" is a 6-week drawing course for adults that teaches the method of drawing as well as four basic medias. It will meet from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Thursdays beginning Jan. 8 and will continue through Feb. 12.

This course is designed for those who wish to draw and have never had a formal class and for those who want a refresher in the basics of drawing.

Both classes are taught by artist, Richard Montgomery. Mail-in registration is Dec. 3 - 10 and walk-in registration is Dec. 29 - Jan. 10. For further information call 667-1300.

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Sports Beat

with Greg Eichelberger



Hello again. The big news this week, of course, is East County's continued representation in the CIF football playoffs (no one really cares too much about the other sports' post-season).

Congratulations to a few local football players who made good. Quarterback Akili Smith, who spent two years at Grossmont College before heading to the University of Oregon this season, was named PAC-10 Player of the Week, and defensive lineman, Leon Bender, a Santana Graduate, was chosen to the All Pacific-10 defensive first team. And while Oregon's Ducks aren't going anywhere this season, the 10-1 Cougars are headed towards their first Rose Bowl (against #1 ranked Michigan) since 1931.

Another product, El Cajon Valley's Mike Stadler (now the starting QB at USD), was named All-Pioneer Football League first team in St. Louis. The Chargers played the Denver Broncos on Sunday (they lost), who beat the Oakland Raiders, 31-3 (on a recent Monday night contest), who, in turn, defeated San Diego, 38-14. This has been one nightmare season for our beloved Bolts, especially for Bill Clinton look-a-like, Kevin Gilbride.

The (Gordon) Geckos, a 10-and-under boys AYSO Division Five soccer squad defeated the Screaming Eagles, 3-2, to capture the La Mesa League Championship last week. Nick Sobel, Ben Belmont and Casey Sayers scored goals for the 10-1-1 Geckos.

West Hills (35-4) knocked off Helix (24-12), 4-15, 15-11, 15-11, 14-16, 15-8, in the CIF Division II volleyball championships at the new SDSU Cox Arena. The Wolf Pack next faced the Rancho Santa Margarita Eagles (17-4) in the state play-offs, losing in five hard-fought sets last Thursday.

Friday is Recycle Night for the San Diego Gulls. Bring in 12 aluminum cans and receive a free penlight. The person who dumps the most cans on the Sports Arena patio will get a free team-autographed hockey stick. The Gulls' "Read & Succeed" program is also in full gear. Elementary school kids (4th, 5th and 6th graders) who read a book and write a report on it will get up to four hockey tickets and one pass to the Wild Animal park. Call El Cajon's Cari Slater at 225-9813 or the county Office Of Education at 292-3753 for details.

The city of Santee, in cooperation with Unlimited Swimming, has decided to embark on a free bicycle program. This means that bikes will be donated, fixed up and left about the town for anyone to use. If you think this is a good (or even a sane) idea, call Robert Clark, Director Of Community Services, at 258-4100, ext. 125.

The El Cajon Elks Lodge will hold its 26th annual hoop shoot-out competition at 9 a.m. Saturday at Hillsdale Middle School. Boys and girls, age 8-13, will have 25 shots from the free throw line. Winners at this level have an opportunity to move on to the finals in Springfield, Mass. For details call the Lodge at 442-9461.

More Padres moves, Doug Bochtler and Jorge Velandia traded off for someone of little or no consequences.

Well, that's all I have time for now, for details on how to become involved in this column, just call 390-7103 (or E-mail me at ikeforum@juno.com. Until then, have a great week.

West Hills can't stop runner; El Cajon Valley survives scare

The second seeded West Hills Wolf Pack found out you can't score without the ball as Hilltop's Joe Morones carried the ball 42 times for 166 yards, effectively keeping Lon Sheriff from using his passing skills off the field as the Lancers won 21-14 to advance to the semifinals of Div. II.

Sheriff did manage to pass for 212 yards on a 15 for 27 completion night, but Morones ability to keep on running was too much for the Santee school.

In Div. III, although dominating most of the game,

Crawford's ability to crawl back gave the Braves fits, as the El Cajon team eked out a 28-27 victory to advance to play Oceanside in the semis.

A key missed conversion after the Colts fourth TD, and a fumble recovery with about 1 1/2 minutes left were sufficient to continue the Braves fine season into the next round.

In Div. I, Granite Hills, which had won a pass into the quarter finals on a forfeit, was unable to handle the fourth seeded Orange Glen team, falling 26-13.

East County runners surprise in state cross country finals

Led by an outstanding effort by Granite Hills junior runner Jason Finch, who finished only an eyelash behind the Div. I boys winner, and a third place finish by Helix senior Courtney Baird in girls Div. II, East County runners did themselves proud at the California State Cross County

championships in Fresno last weekend.

West Hills, despite not having a runner in the top seven, was second in the boys team championships in Div. II.

In girls Div. I, Valhalla was fifth, while Santana was 12th in Div. III for the only top finishers in the girls team races.

East County swim students get best

by Greg Eichelberger

If you believe that the kids of East County deserve the best instruction they can get, then Barbara Robertson, a coach at Unlimited Swimming in Lakeside, fits comfortably into that kind of thinking.

A competitive swimmer for 18 years (from the time she was four until 22) who logged 12 miles a day, seven days a week for most of them, a participant in the World Games in 1974 and '75 and the 1976 Olympic trials in Long Beach, Robertson's pedigree and teaching credentials in this sport are impeccable.

She even swam with the likes of Debbie Meyers (three golds in Mexico City in 1968) and Janet Evans (gold medal winner in Los Angeles (1984) and Seoul (1988), and trained in the same facility that produced Mark Spitz (winner of one gold in Mexico City and seven in Munich, 1972).

The fact that she uses her talent to help children is even more impressive, given today's climate of superstar athletes removing themselves from the public as much as possible.

"I loved the water," said the longtime Santee resident. "I couldn't wait to get into the pool. When others were dropping out because of the workload, I was having fun."

After the '76 trials, with no sponsor to subsidize her training, Robertson, then age 17, realized she had to get on with her life, pursue an education and look for a job.

After swimming for the SDSU team in 1980, she hung up her bathing suit as well as her competitive career. She went on to received a degree in Criminal Justice and was ready to accept a position as a postal inspector when the fates intervened again.

She met her husband, Scott, who owned a masonry company (Robertson Masonry Inc.) in Santee.

"By the time the Post Office

offered me a job on the East Coast, I'd made up my mind that I was going to get married and stay here," she remembers.

She then took a lower-paying position of postal clerk, but has not regretted it one day since.

"I wouldn't have changed my life for anything," she said. "I have a great husband and two beautiful little girls (Tara-Lyn, 10 and Tracy, 7). Both are very different but they both swim here in Lakeside."

Her job and family life have kept her busy enough to be away from actively teaching the sport until about 18 months ago, when she jumped in with both feet at the opportunity to instruct at Unlimited Swimming, despite engaging in a lot of water activities such as boating, snorkeling, scuba diving and the like.

Describing her near appearance in the 1976 Olympic games in Montreal, Robertson simply says it wasn't her day. "When you have only one chance to prove yourself, you have to have a perfect meet," she explained.

She said that she finished in the top 12 in my event (the free style) and people were asking her if she felt bad. She told them, no, because she was in the top 12 in the nation, which wasn't enough to make the Olympic team, but it was nothing of which to be ashamed.

While she hoped to make the trip to Canada that year, she was realistic enough to know that it probably wouldn't happen.



Barbara Robertson

In fact, she states that she was under no pressure because she was just amazed to be there, surrounded by some of the best athletes in the United States.

She added that it was an interesting part of her life, but as she looks back, she knows that it is a closed chapter. Making sure her girls and students do their best is the main priority now.

Tara-Lyn is currently swimming in her mom's wake, racing against other girls throughout the county, but Robertson has no illusions about her daughter's competitive future, instead, hoping she just has fun doing it.

"Swimming is a wonderful way to teach kids discipline, order and responsibility," she said. "But, if they're not going to have fun, then it's all worthless."

Robertson commented that she had the opportunity to travel all over the USA because of my abilities, and whether her daughters follow in her footsteps or not means nothing if they can't enjoy the experience."

East County High Schools Sports Schedules

(as available)

Tuesday, Dec. 2 - Tuesday, Dec. 9 (check with schools for times)

Tuesday (12/2) - Boys Basketball: Granite Hills Tournament (through 12/15). Boys Soccer: Granite Hills vs. Saint Augustine.

Wednesday (12/3) - Girls Basketball: Mount Miguel Tournament (through 12/6)

Thursday (12/4) - Girls Soccer: Granite Hills vs. Chula Vista

Friday (12/5) - Boys Soccer: Granite Hills vs. Chula Vista. Wrestling: Vista Tournament (also 12/6)

Saturday (12/6) - Girls Soccer: Barons Tournament at Bonita High School (through 12/13).

Tuesday (12/9) - Boys Soccer: Granite Hills vs. Hilltop.

East County

Community College schedule (as available)

Thursday, 12/4 - MEN'S BASKETBALL: Annual Grossmont College Tournament (through 12/6)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Grossmont at Cuesta Tournament (through 12/6).



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